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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Diego—New Fault Line Discovered in California

(U) Seismologists in California have discovered evidence of a new fault line that runs along the eastern edge of the inland Salton Sea, parallel to the San Andreas fault, according to research published this week. Up until now the Salton trough fault managed to remain hidden, despite how well-surveyed and seismically active the state of California is, because it is underwater. More research into the length of the fault will need to be conducted before the researchers can ascertain how dangerous it may be to the southern California region. The recent string of small earthquakes and the discovery of the new fault were unrelated, according to a US Geological Survey researcher.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Christian Science Monitor](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia—Dozens of Afghan Trainees Go AWOL in US

(U) Washington—More than 40 Afghan security force members training in the US have gone absent without leave (AWOL) since last year, including eight last month, according to the US military. A total of 45 members of Afghanistan's security forces have been reported AWOL while in the US since the start of 2015. Of those, the whereabouts of 13 remain unknown, said a US military spokesman. The 32 that have been located have either been deported, arrested and jailed, crossed an international border, or applied for immigration benefits.

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [CNN](#)

#### (U) Minnesota—Mall Attacker was Radicalized, Says FBI

(U) St. Cloud—The man who stabbed 10 people at a Minnesota mall had become interested in Islam in the last several months, withdrew from his friends and encouraged female relatives to be more religious, the FBI said yesterday. At a news conference, FBI Special Agent in Charge Rick Thorton said that 20-year-old Dahir Ahmed Adan went from being a high academic performer to failing out of college "almost overnight." Witnesses told the FBI that Adan, who was armed with two steak knives and later shot and killed, referenced Islam during the 17 September attack at Crossroads Center mall.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Chicago Tribune](#)

#### (U) Nashville—Soldiers Charged with Selling Stolen Army Gear to Buyers Overseas

(U) Fort Campbell—Six soldiers and two civilians were indicted on 5 October on charges they conspired to steal and sell Army equipment, from printer ink to machine gun parts and the sight for a grenade launcher, on eBay. According to the indictment, the eight charged "sold certain US Army equipment that is never offered for sale by the US Department of Defense as surplus," with the value of the equipment stolen and sold by the group totaling more than \$1 million, according to the indictment. If convicted, on the conspiracy counts, each man could face up to five years in prison.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Army Times](#)

**(U) New York—Three Charged with Unlawfully Shipping Military Tech to Russia**

(U) New York—A New York City man and two Russian nationals have been arrested and charged after federal authorities say they were involved in a scheme to unlawfully export advanced military technology used in missile guidance systems to Russia. Authorities say that the three, among others, used two Brooklyn-based front companies to buy and unlawfully export sensitive electronics without a mandatory federal license. The microelectronics include digital-to-analog converters and integrated circuits which officials say are restricted for "anti-terrorism and national security reasons." The suspects were arrested yesterday and are being held without bail.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Texas—Backpage.com CEO Arrested on California Warrant**

(U) Dallas— State agents raided the Dallas offices of adult classified ad portal Backpage.com and arrested Chief Executive Officer Carl Ferrer following allegations that adult and child sex-trafficking victims were forced into prostitution through escort ads posted on the site. California Attorney General Kamala Harris said that Ferrer, 55, was arrested on felony charges of pimping a minor, pimping, and conspiracy to commit pimping. Ferrer will face an extradition hearing before he can be returned to California.

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [Mercury News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) China—Firms Offering to Export Opioid "Weapon" to US Customers**

(U) Shanghai—A news agency investigation has found that Chinese vendors are offering to sell the powerful opioid, carfentanil, openly online for worldwide export, no questions asked. The AP identified 12 Chinese businesses that said they would export carfentanil to the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Belgium and Australia for as little as \$2,750 a kilogram. Carfentanil is 100 times more powerful than fentanyl, a related drug that is itself up to 50 times stronger than heroin.

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [CBS News](#)

**(U) Niger—At Least 22 Soldiers Killed in Attack on Refugee Camp**

(U) Tassalit—At least 22 soldiers were killed in Niger yesterday when unknown assailants attacked a camp for Malian refugees, the West African nation's Prime Minister Brigi Rafini said. The attack targeted a camp in the village of Tassalit in Niger's Tahoua region, around 326 miles northeast of the capital Niamey. The camp's residents are Malians who fled to neighboring Niger after militants, some with links to al-Qa'ida, seized Mali's desert north in 2012. Rafini gave no further information concerning the suspected identities of the attackers or whether any civilians had been killed or wounded.

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) North Korea—Satellite Images Show Activity at Nuclear Test Site**

(U) Punggye-ri—An increase in activity at North Korea's nuclear test site could signal preparations for a new test or a collection of data from its last one, a US-based monitoring group said today, citing satellite images. The 38 North group, run by Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, said there was activity at all three tunnel complexes at the Punggye-ri nuclear test site involving a large vehicle and personnel. North Korea is believed to be ready for another nuclear test at any time and there has been speculation it could mark the 10 October anniversary of the founding of its Workers' Party with another underground detonation.

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) District of Columbia—Barely Half of Illegal Border Crossers Caught**

(U) Washington—Immigration authorities caught just over half of the people who illegally entered the US from Mexico last year, according to a report commissioned by the Department of Homeland Security that offers one of the most detailed assessments of border security ever compiled. The report found that 54 percent of people who entered illegally between border crossings got caught in the 2015 fiscal year. The 98-page report was completed in May, and Homeland Security officials have declined to release it; however, a government official involved in border issues released a copy to a news agency on condition of anonymity.

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